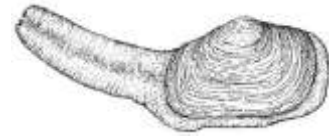

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following areas will be open for the commercial harvest of geoduck clams for live sale **from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 4, 2012:**

District 1:

Foggy Bay (Subdistrict 101-23-001): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 41,200 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Cat and Dog Islands (Subdistricts 101-23-005, 101-41-005): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 49,000 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

District 3:

East San Fernando Island (Subdistrict 103-60-001): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 38,500 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Blanquial Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-005): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 45,300 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Palisades Islands (Subdistrict 103-70-006): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 135,200 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

St. Nicholas Channel, North Lulu Island (Subdistrict 103-70-007): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 156,100 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Districts 3 & 4:

Cone Island North (Subdistricts 103-50-005, 104-40-005): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 67,600 pounds of whole geoduck clams;

Cone Island South and Paloma Pass (Subdistricts 103-50-006, 104-35-006): will be open for a
GHL of 56,900 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name, and the location of harvest.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules the Alaska Department of Fish and Game must receive timely information about the harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoduck clams with an estimate of pounds harvested. **All companies buying geoduck clams are requested to contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Ketchikan office before 12:00 noon on Friday, October 5, 2012 with a harvest estimate by subdistrict.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1512.

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